



RAIDER WEEKLY

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we head into this week before Thanksgiving Break, let me say that I am thankful to be here as the principal of MIS and HPMS! Every day, I am reminded how special it is to work alongside such dedicated colleagues and amazing students. Watching your kids learn, grow, and shine brings so much joy and inspiration. It's truly a privilege to play a part in their journey. Thank you for trusting us to help shape their futures!

I also want to thank those of you who were able to join us for the behavior presentation we plan on sharing with students. Your presence and support are invaluable. One of the issues we discussed pertained to cell phones, particularly at HPMS. We have been having the students park their phones in a designated spot in each classroom throughout the day. In order to streamline this initiative, we have determined that having students park their phones in their 2nd period classroom for the entire day is going to be more successful for everyone. They will park their phones in 1st period, then take them to 2nd to park for the rest of the day. They will then get them at the end of 7th period. Several students have found "workarounds" by saying they didn't bring their phones, or by placing either a non-working phone or an empty phone case in the phone pockets that are in each classroom. The consequences for these actions will be that if a student is caught using a phone when they did not park it for the day will be to leave their phone in the office each day for the rest of the school year. Please help us convey the importance of honesty and integrity with your students.

[Parent Input Form](#)- Please use this form to submit constructive questions, concerns, or suggestions that may benefit our two schools.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Amanda Reyes

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- **November 25-29:** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 5-December 7:** *Sound of Music: Youth Edition*



- Review the Traffic Guidelines [HERE](#).
- Review the Student Handbook & Dress code (page 9) [HERE](#).
- Sign up for a volunteer shift [HERE](#).
- Add money to your student's lunch account [HERE](#).

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November PTO Meeting Update

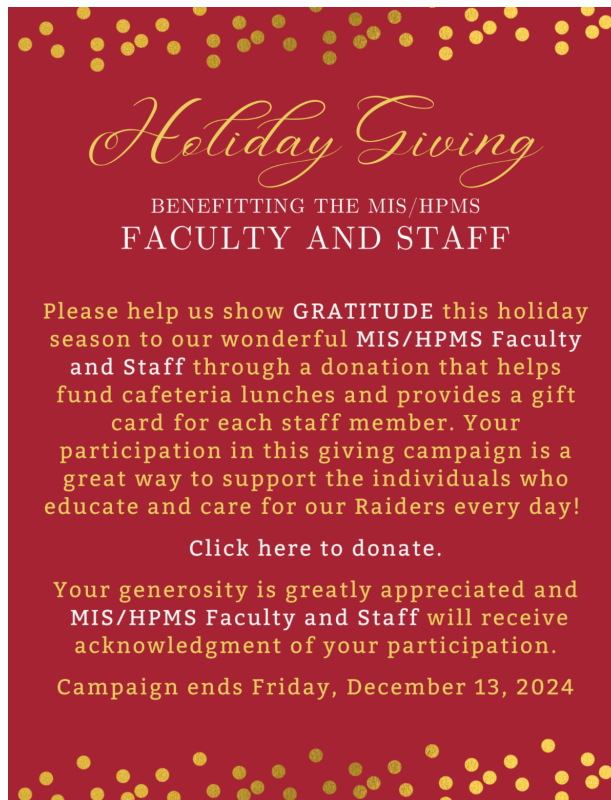


Thanks to all who attended our November PTO meeting!

We were happy to hear from **Allison Vanderwoude**, Senior Director of Advancement at the Highland Park Education Foundation, who provided an update on Mad for Plaid and revealed plans to raise \$1.8 million for districtwide salaries that will aid the district in raising the bar for competitive educator pay. In addition, Raider Challenge Co-Chairs **Kristin Evans, Jill Morrison, Allison Small, and Rachel Stephens** presented a check for \$1,009,876.47 to the school, which will be used for technology, teacher requests, special projects, and sports.

Finally, we welcomed Jen Maroulis, a certified life coach who engaged in an informative discussion about raising teens and helpful things every parent should know. We are so grateful to have you attend our PTO Meeting.

Cafeteria Gift Fund

A red rectangular poster with gold polka dots at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads: "Holiday Giving" in a cursive font, followed by "BENEFITTING THE MIS/HPMS FACULTY AND STAFF" in a serif font. Below that is a paragraph of text in a sans-serif font, followed by "Click here to donate." and another paragraph of text. The campaign end date is listed at the bottom.

Holiday Giving
BENEFITTING THE MIS/HPMS
FACULTY AND STAFF

Please help us show GRATITUDE this holiday season to our wonderful MIS/HPMS Faculty and Staff through a donation that helps fund cafeteria lunches and provides a gift card for each staff member. Your participation in this giving campaign is a great way to support the individuals who educate and care for our Raiders every day!

[Click here to donate.](#)

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and MIS/HPMS Faculty and Staff will receive acknowledgment of your participation.

Campaign ends Friday, December 13, 2024

Thank You, Raider Cafeteria Volunteers!



[Katherine Issel](#) & [Tracy Port Melech](#)

Raider Café Volunteer Chairs

Raider Shop Volunteers Needed

Volunteers still needed for reoccurring shifts and substitutes welcome! Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

**Volunteer in the
Raider Shop!**



Questions? Raider Shop Volunteer Chairs [Laura Price](#) or [Brooke Garner](#).

7th and 8th Grade News

7th Grade Health Screenings

November 19 and 20

Just a reminder that HPISD Nurses will be conducting age-appropriate health screenings as mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

- Hearing
- Vision
- Acanthosis Nigricans (Texas Risk Assessment for Type II Diabetes in Children)
- Scoliosis (girls only) - must be wearing appropriate undergarments or a tank top

For questions about health screenings, contact your school nurses or visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website [HERE](#).

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Raider Media News

Raider Media News students took to the campus to gather insights from students and teachers on the importance of kindness and its role in human nature. They highlighted stories of people in their lives who exemplify kindness, showing why it's such a valuable quality.



With World Kindness Day and Mr. Rogers Day is coming up, it's a wonderful time to focus on kindness and compassion. This week, our Broadcasting Journalism crew asks students and teachers what kindness means to them and how they show it. Kindness can make our school a warmer, friendlier place for everyone. Click [HERE](#) to watch.

Fall Exam Schedule



HPMS Fall 2024 Exam Schedule

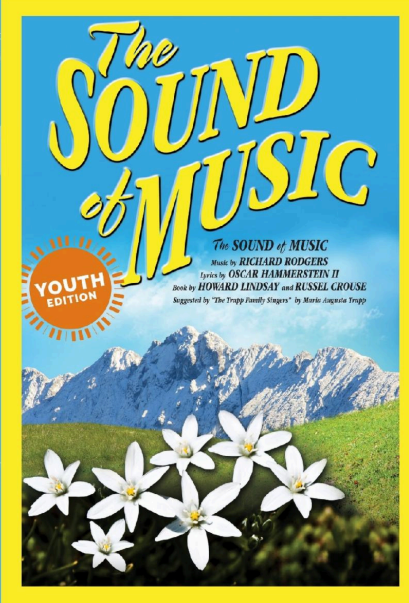


Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:00-8:20 (20 min)	2nd Period Study Hall	8:00-8:20 (20 min)	3rd Period Study Hall	8:00-8:30 (30 min)	7th period Study Hall	8:00-8:30 (30 min)	6th period Study Hall
8:20-9:45 (85 min)	2nd Period Exam	8:20-9:45 (85 min)	3rd Period Exam	8:30-10:00 (90 min)	7th period Exam	8:30-10:00 (90 min)	6th period Exam
9:50-10:43 (53 min)	3rd Period	9:50-10:10 (20 min)	4th Period Study Hall	10:00-10:30 (30 min)	8th period Study Hall	10:00-10:30 (30 min)	1st period Study Hall
10:48-11:41 (53 min)	4th Period	10:15-11:40 (85 min)	4th Period Exam	10:30-12:00 (90 min)	8th period Exam	10:30-12:00 (90 min)	1st period Exam
11:44 - 12:14	8 lunch / 7 Raider Hour	11:44 - 12:14	8 lunch / 7 Raider Hour	Early Release for Students		Early Release for Students	
12:14-12:44	7 lunch / 8 Raider Hour	12:14-12:44	7 lunch / 8 Raider Hour				
12:50-1:25 (35 min)	1st Period	12:50-1:25 (35 min)	1st Period				
1:30-2:05 (35 min)	6th Period	1:30-2:05 (35 min)	6th Period				
2:10-2:45 (35 min)	7th Period	2:10-2:45 (35 min)	7th Period				
2:50-3:25 (35 min)	8th Period	2:50-3:25 (35 min)	8th Period				

Exams must be taken during the normal exam time. In extenuating circumstances, please contact your grade-level counselor to schedule a different time for an exam to be taken.

McCulloch Presents *Sound of Music: Youth Edition*

McCulloch Intermediate School Presents



The SOUND of MUSIC
The SOUND of MUSIC
Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**
Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**
Book by **HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL GROUSE**
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

YOUTH EDITION

Thursday, December 5th at 6 pm
Friday, December 6th at 4 pm
Saturday, December 7th at 2 pm
MIS/HPMS Auditorium - Admission \$8

The MIS halls are alive with the *Sound of Music!* Come see your 5th and 6th grade classmates bring this beloved musical to life!

Performances are **Thursday, December 5 at 6pm, Friday, December 6 at 4pm** and **Saturday, December 7 at 2pm** in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

Tickets are available for \$8. Please click [HERE](#) to reserve pre-sale tickets (pre-sale will close 11/30 for online purchases). General admission tickets will be sold at the door and in the cafeteria the week of the show.

Cheers to Raider Volunteers

Thank you so much to our **PTO Hospitality Chairs, LauraNell Morrow, Kristi Harvey, Brett Crawford** and **Laura Boynton**, for helping make our November PTO Meeting such a success! And thank you to **Margaret Kelley** and **Alexa Snelleman**, **PTO President Elects**, for coordinating an interesting and insightful guest speaker. We appreciate all of you! Please plan to be at the next meeting on February 4 where we'll hear from **HPISD Chief of Police, Mark Rowden**.

Congrats to our **8th Grade Coffee Talk Chairs, Haylie Crouch** and **Ashley Shull**, on a super successful event last week. We had a strong turn-out and parents gained some very useful information from our speaker. Thank you for your efforts to organize a great gathering!

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

Winter Guard Auditions



The Highlander Band is holding auditions for Winter Guard! Winter Guard is open to all HPISD students in 7th-12th grade! Winter Guard is a creative, talented, and fun group of students that performs at indoor competitions in the winter. Auditions are December 3 and 4 from 4-6:30pm in the HPHS Band Hall. For more information, please contact [Daren Jordan](#). No experience is necessary!

Registration for 2024 - 2025 Math and Science Team



Click the [HERE](#) to begin your registration for the 2024 -2025 MIS/HMPS Middle School Math and Science Team. Registrations and dues, of \$100, are due by December 18.

Raiders Reaching Out

Raiders Reaching Out is ready to serve our Raider students, families, and staff in need of support and to honor those who go above and beyond to serve our school and children. Please let us know if you know someone in our Raider community who needs some sunshine sent their way! Email confidentially raidersreachingout@mishpmspto.org.



Thank you so much!



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Didn't see a school-related shout-out this week?
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and any available pictures!

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